

**PATENT****Application # 10/618,995****Attorney Docket # 1039-002****REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the thoughtful consideration provided to this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner is thanked for determining claim 1 allowable, and claims 2-31 allowable if an informality is addressed.

Each of claims 2 and 31 has been broadened to alleviate the informality. Each of claims 32-34 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-31 are now pending in this application. Each of claims 1, 2, and 31 are in independent form.

**The Objections to Claims 2 and 31**

Each of claims 2 and 31 was objected to because of an informality. Each of claims 2 and 31 has been broadened to alleviate the informality. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that any grounds for these objections has been removed, and respectfully request acknowledgment thereof.

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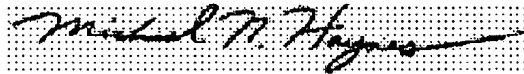
**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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